3/22 45

3700 MAIL ROOM



Patent Application of Steven Michael Hobbs

Application No. 10/082,926

Confirmation No.: 4059

Filed: February 26, 2002

"MACHINE TOOLS"

I, Lesley A. Miokovich, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date of my signature.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c) and (e)(1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of which are attached. Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing hereof.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate. A copy of each reference listed is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek C. Stettner Reg. No. 37,945

File No. 014469-9012 Michael Best & Friedrich LLP 100 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4108 (414) 271-6560